

## **RESERVE, NAVY WEB PORTALS TO INTEGRATE**

### ***Web Savvy Critical to Military Personnel***

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New Orleans (NNS) -- Now more than ever, Internet access and computer savvy are necessary, even critical, to both Reserve and active duty members.

Portal means web site. "'Portal' is, in reality, just a marketing name we're using for 'web site,'" LTJG Ken Shade said. Shade is COMNAVRESFOR Assistant Public Affairs Officer. "We don't want anyone to be confused by the term -- it is just another word for 'web site.' But no matter what you call it, a certain degree of Internet literacy and access are now essential in the Naval Reserve. Not having Internet access today is like not having a telephone. You can't communicate."

It may grow increasingly difficult to be a Reservist without a home computer and Internet access. Asked whether he thought new Naval Reserve affiliates should be counseled in the importance of Internet literacy, Shade said yes, adding, "It's not just the Reserves, this is the main way information is distributed in any business -- in the military as well."

Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command (CNRFC) is moving nearly all Reserve online services presently found at the Naval Reserve Knowledge Online Portal (NRKO), [www.nrko.navy.mil](http://www.nrko.navy.mil), to the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Portal, [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil). One centralized web site will then serve both Naval Reserve and active duty personnel.

The initial portals selected for transition to Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) include Naval Reserve Order Writing System (NROWS), Navy and Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), Knowledge Management (KM), Reserve Liaison Officer (RLO) and Mobilization. These Knowledge Centers will provide some content that is available to anyone who has a NKO account and other documents that are only available through subscription to a select user community. These new "Knowledge Centers" provide all of the function that is currently available through Navy Reserve Knowledge Online (NRKO) plus other enhancements. The long-term objective is for all Naval Reserve Portals to be available through NKO by October 2003. The New Order Writing System (NOWS) was recently renamed to NROWS to more accurately represent its function.

To access NKO, log on to [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil) and click on the "I'm a New User" button. From there, you will be asked to provide personal information that will be validated against DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) to ensure consistency and user privacy.

The core services of NKO are accessed through the tool bar located on the left of the screen. In addition to buttons for Learning Centers, Training Support Centers, Naval Missions and Communities, a button has been added for the Naval Reserve. Under this heading Knowledge Centers such as, NROWS, KM, RLO, NMCI and MOB can be accessed.

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